

DoD Financial Management Certification Program

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)





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Certification Program Background

- To achieve auditable financial statements and provide strong financial management (FM), the Department needs a well-trained financial workforce
- While we have some good training programs, the Department did not have a framework to guide FM workforce training and emphasize key types of training such as audit readiness and decision support
- In early 2011, senior DoD FM leadership initiated efforts to develop a DoD FM Certification Program
- The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81) provided the Secretary of Defense with the Authority to Prescribe Professional Certification and Credentialing Standards
- Nov 2013 DoDI 1300.26 Operations of the DoD FM Certification Program published





Purpose

- Establish a framework to guide DoD FM professional development
- Intent is to make a good FM workforce even better!
 - Establish a mechanism to encourage key training in:
 - Audit Readiness
 - Decision Support/Analysis
 - Encourage career broadening and leadership
 - Transition to a more analytic orientation
 - Ensure financial management workforce has knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to achieve auditable financial statements
- Develop a course-based rather than test-based certification
 - Based on FM and Leadership competencies





Foundation: Competencies

- Goal: To implement standardized FM competencies that describe knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform and achieve desired results
- 23 FM competencies are mapped to 05XX Occupational Series.
 FM competencies are:
 - Functional skill sets against which DoD FMers can shape their professional development
 - Rated across five different proficiency levels that reflect increasing responsibility and greater expertise as knowledge, skills, and experience is gained
 - Defined by DoD FM Certification Senior Leadership Group
- DoD Leadership competencies are also emphasized
 - The five levels of competencies are outlined in the DoD Leader Development Continuum





Competencies Continued

There are 23 DoD FM competencies

17 of the 23 apply to the DoD FM Certification Program

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Accounting Analysis	V
Accounting Concepts, Policies & Principles	s
Advanced Financial Management	
Audit Concepts, Policies & Principles	V
Budget Concepts, Policies & Principles	V
Budget Execution	V
Budget Formulation, Justification & Presentation	✓
Commercial Pay Concepts, Policies & Principles	✓
Decision Support	V
Financial Concepts, Policies & Principles	V
Financial Management Analysis	V
Financial Management Systems	V

Fundamentals & Operations of Accounting	/		
Fundamentals & Operations of Budget	/		
Fundamentals & Operations of Finance	/		
Fundamentals & Operations of Military & Civilian Pay	✓		
Payroll Concepts, Policies & Principles			
Audit Planning & Management			
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Audit Planning & Management Audit Reporting			
Audit Reporting			
Audit Reporting Decision Support - Audit Execution			

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DoD Civilian Leader Development Continuum

Vision **External Awareness** Strategic Thinking

Political Savvy Global Perspective National Security Strategy

Lead the Institution

Technology Management Financial Management Creativity and Innovation **Partnering**

Entrepreneurship National Defense Integration National Security Environment **Lead Organizations/ Programs**

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Human Capital Management Leveraging Diversity **Conflict Management Developing Others DoD Corporate Perspective** National Security Foundation

Lead People

Lead Teams/Projects

Flexibility Resilience Continual Learning Service Motivation Computer Literacy

Integrity/Honesty **Customer Service Problem Solving Technical Credibility**

Interpersonal Skills **Oral Communication** Written Communication Mission Orientation

Lead Self



Applicability

- Applicable to DoD Civilians and Military in the DoD FM Workforce
 - DoD FM Workforce includes personnel who are assigned to FM designated positions:
 - Civilians in the 05XX Occupational Series;
 - Civilians who perform financial management tasks, but are not in the 05XX Occupational Series;
 - Military members in FM Occupational Specialties;
 - Military members who perform financial management tasks, but are not in FM Occupational Specialties.
- All FM positions will be coded Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3
- No Grandfathering—no incumbent DoD FM members receive certification "automatically"; all must achieve certification
- Two years to achieve certification





FM Certification Requirements

DoD FM Certification Requirements at each of three levels:

- Training in FM Competencies (course-based)
- Training in Leadership Competencies (course-based)
- Other Required Courses
- FM Experience / DoD FM Experience
- Developmental Assignment (Level 3)
- Continuing Education and Training (CET)

Encourages:

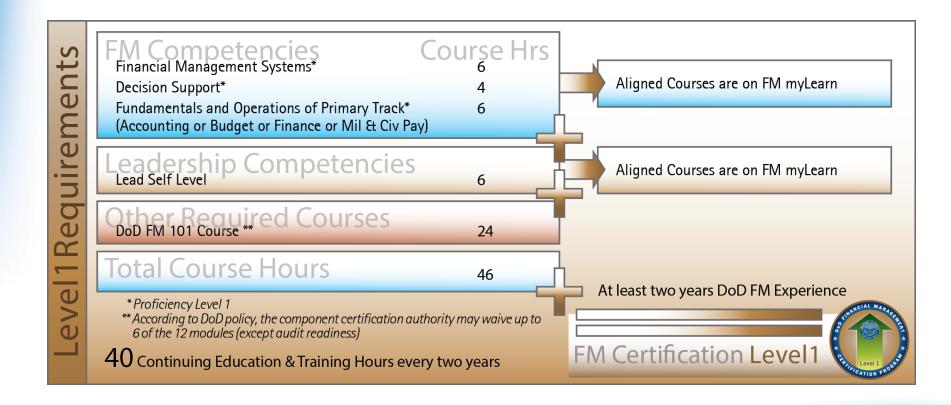
Formal Education and FM Test-based Certification (Levels 2 and 3)

PROGRAM BUILT ON DOD FM COMPETENCIES





FM Certification Equation: Level 1







DoD FM 101 Modules

DoD FM 101 for Level 1 Modules*	Course Hours
Introduction to DoD	1
Accounting	2
Acquisition/Contracting	2
Analysis/Decision Support	2
Audit Readiness	3
Auditing	2
Budget	3
Cost Analysis	2
Ethics	1
Finance	2
Fiscal Law	2
PPBE	2

^{*}CCA may choose to waive 6 of the 12 modules, except Audit Readiness

Available on FM myLearn









FM Certification Equation: Level 2

- Work towards Bachelor's Degree

Test-Based Certification

- Completion of one of the DoD-approved

Decision Support* Accounting Analysis OR Financial Mgt Analysis* Budget Formulation, Justification and Presentation OR Budget Execution* Concepts, Policies and Principles of Primary Track* (Accounting or Audit or Budget or Finance or Commercial Pay or Payroll) Fundamentals and Operations of Alternate Track**	ourse Hrs 8 10 10 10	Aligned Courses are on FM myLearn
(Accounting or Budget or Finance or Mil & Civ Pay)		-
Leadership Competencies Lead Teams/Projects Level	10	Aligned Courses are on FM myLearn
Other Required Courses Audit Readiness + Ethics + Fiscal Law Courses	9	
Total Course Hours	71	At least four years FM Experience (Two years must be DoD FM Experience)
* Proficiency Level 3 ** Proficiency Level 1 or higher 60 Continuing Education & Training Hours every	two years	FM Certification Level 2 Recommended - At least one 3-month Developmental Assignment



DoD Recognized Test-based FM Certifications

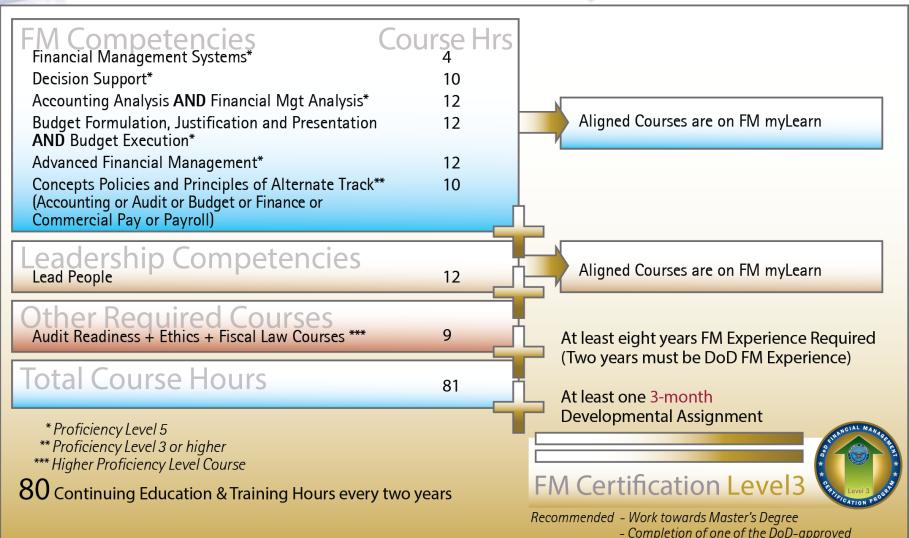
Accredited Business Accountant (ABA)	Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV)	Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF)
Certified Accounts Payable Professional (CAPP)	Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
Certified Business Manager (CBM)	Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
Certified Cost Consultant (CCC)	Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCE/A)	Certified Payroll Professional (CPP)
Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM)	Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Certified Forensic Accountant (Cr.FA)	Certified Quality Auditor (CQA)
Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)	Certified Treasury Professional (CTP)
Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP)	Forensic Certified Public Accountant





FM Certification Equation: Level 3

Test-Based Certification





FM & Acquisition Certifications

- The FM and Acquisition communities developed a pathway to certification that gives credit for acquisition courses with FM and Leadership content requirements for DAWIA-certified personnel in Business-Financial Management, Business-Cost Estimating, and Acquisition-Audit
 - Much of acquisition training counts toward FM Certification and years of experience can be applied to both certifications
 - Table outlining reduced requirements for DAWIA-coded financial managers to achieve FM Certification is available at FM Online
 - Must complete DAWIA training first to use the reduced requirements
 - Continuous Learning Points are accepted as CETs





DoD FM

Learning Management System

- The approved System of Record (on the Federal Register) for the FM Certification Program is a 508 Compliant System.
- The LMS facilitates:
 - Administration / Oversight / Validation / Records Management / Auditability
- Basic user information (e.g., name, organization, FM Certification Code) is populated from personnel systems of record
- Maintains the available program course inventory aligned to the DoD FM and leadership competency and proficiency levels
- Individuals can use to launch select courses online





FM Certification Resources

Quarterly Newsletter



Certification Update Lessons Learned Best Practices

Practical Exercise



Follow "Jane," a GS-14 through each step of certification

Learning History Worksheets



Organize your prior training using these worksheets

Frequently Asked Questions



Compilation of over 100 questions, organized by category

DoD FM Certification Handbook



Program background & overview
Detailed requirement descriptions
Checklist to get started

Overview and Training Videos



Video series introducing key elements of program

FM myLearn



E-catalog of FM courses aligned to FM and leadership competencies.

LMS Job Aids



Provide step-by-step instructions for all FM LMS tasks.



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FAQ

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LinkedIn Discussion Group

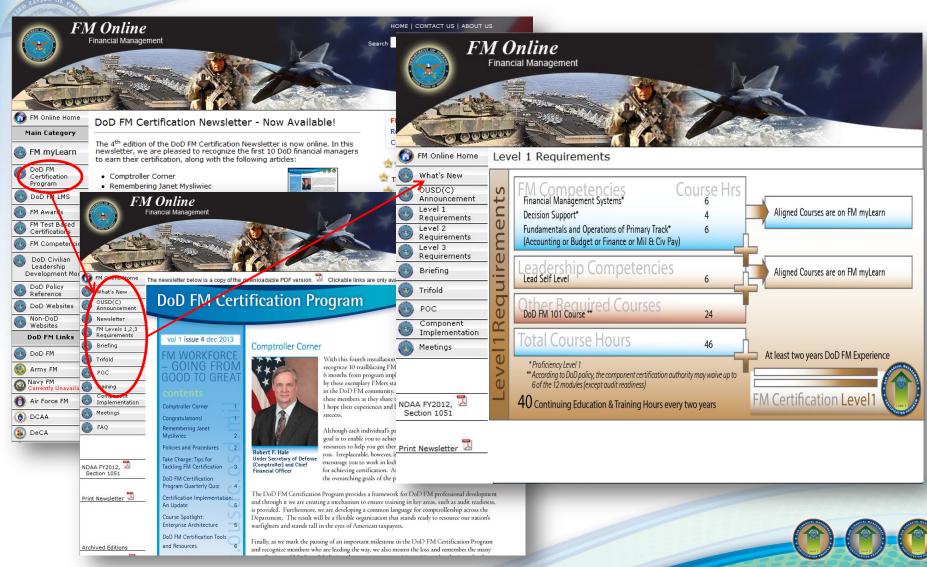
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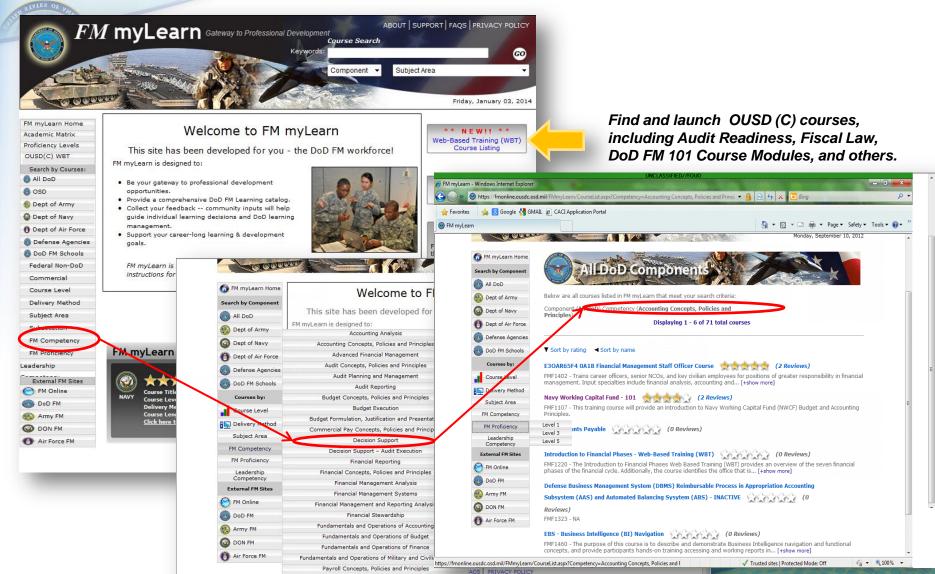


FM Online





FM myLearn



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Will my prior FM experience count toward meeting the experience requirement for my certification level?
- What is the difference between a Primary Track and an Alternate Track?
- What happens to my training record if I leave DoD and come back?
- How can I earn CET credits?
- May I obtain a higher certification level than the level required by my current position?



View more questions at FM Online https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/





Summary

The DoD FM Certification Program:

- Provides a certification framework for DoD FM Community
- Gives the FM Workforce a standard body of knowledge
 - Focuses on Analytics and DoD Audit Readiness, to include internal controls and accountability
- Develops expertise standards using DoD FM Competencies
- Coded Level 1, 2, or 3 based on scope and complexity of position
- FM experience requirement at Level 1, 2, or 3
- Promotes use of DoD FM existing courses
- Encourages college degrees and FM test-based certifications

Makes a Good FM Workforce Better... Adding More Credibility to What We Do